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**SACRAMENTO COUNTY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FELONY
BANK FRAUD AND SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that SHONDEIA PATRICE McCLAIN, 26, of Sacramento County, California, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to felony bank fraud and felony Social Security account number misuse.

This case is the product of extensive joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, McCLAIN admitted that in 2005 she engaged in a scheme to commit bank fraud with a falsely obtained Nevada state I.D. card, and with the stolen Social Security account number of another. Specifically, in September 2005 McCLAIN obtained a fraudulent I.D. card from the state of Nevada using false identification information. Shortly thereafter, McCLAIN used the false Nevada I.D. with a Social Security account number she had stolen from another individual to open a checking account at a branch office of Washington Mutual Bank in Elk Grove, California. The checking account was opened with a nominal amount so that McCLAIN could use counter checks and overdraft funds to steal money from the financial institution. According to the plea agreement in this case, McCLAIN will make full restitution for her theft and fraud.

McCLAIN is in custody following her entry of guilty pleas. McCLAIN is scheduled to be sentenced for her bank fraud and Social Security account number misuse offenses on May 9, 2006. The maximum penalty she faces is 30 years imprisonment for the bank fraud conviction and five years imprisonment for her Social Security account number offense. She also faces a five-year term of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$1,250,000.

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